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PATENTREMARKS

The Examiner will find enclosed a terminal disclaimer which pertains to the pending claims vis-à-vis Patent No. 5,943,775 that was filed January 7, 1998.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to:


- (i) send the undersigned attorney Form PTO-1449 having been initiated by the Examiner, reflecting that the Examiner has considered the prior art that accompanied the Preliminary Amendment filed with the subject application on November 3, 1999; and
- (ii) send the undersigned attorney approval of the red-ink corrected ten (10) sheets of drawings which also accompanied the Preliminary Amendment filed with the subject patent application on November 3, 1999.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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